Sir,

Johnson Hall, June 13th 1770,

A few Days ago I received the kind Invitation of Your Body, to my Self, the Wardens & Bretheren of St. Patricks Lodge to assist at the approaching Festival, for which on my own & their behalf I return many thanks. But as our Lodge was adjourned from the last time of Meeting untill that Festival, & as the Members live so dispersed that I cannot Convene them without a good deal of Inconvenience at this time. It is not as yet in my power to transmit an Answer from the Body, tho I may safely venture to answer for their Inclination to pay due regard to your Invitation, If the variety of business in the Country, & the particular Dutys of some of the Members will by any means permit, For myself as I have sometime ago called the Indians together on Business of public Importance, I daily expect notice of their being Assembled, and therefore very much doubt If I can have the pleasure of attending at that time but shall recommend to such of the Members as can possibly attend that they Joyn your Body on that Occasion.

I am much obliged to you for the Pictures which I have received, & think them very well Executed, & remain with my sincere regards for Yourself, & the Members of your Body,

Dear Sir,

Your most Sincere Freind
& Brother

W. Johnson

Doctor Saml. Stringer &c.

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To
Doctor Samuel Stringer

℘ favour
of the Revd. Mr. Kirkland } Albany

June 1770; in answer to
an Invitation from the Masrs.
Lodge to that of St. Patricks to
Join them at the approaching
Festival —